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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO VILLAGE PANCHAYATS
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village panchayats provided with the telephone facilities in Sikkim, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephones out of the above are out of order;

(c) the reasons for their non-functional;

(d) the action being taken by the Government to rectify the same; and

(e) the time by which all Village Panchayats in the State are likely to be provided telephone facilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) All the 148 Village Panchayats in Sikkim have already been provided with telephone facilities. District wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): 20 Multi Access Relay Radio Telephones are out of order due to non availability of spares and after sales support by the vendors.

(d) Faulty Panchayats Telephones are planned to be replaced by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) or land lines in a phased manner.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE

District wise number of Panchayats having telephones in Sikkim.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF PANCHAYAT TELEPHONES
Sikkim East	53
Sikkim West	42
Sikkim North	18
Sikkim South	35